



# Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

## **250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE LAYING OF THE FIRST CORNERSTONE OF THE STATE HOUSE MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2022**

- WHEREAS,** *The distinguished and heralded traditions of the establishment of Maryland continued on March 28, 1772, when Governor Robert Eden laid the cornerstone for what would be the third State House built on State Circle in Annapolis; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Early in 1772, Charles Wallace undertook along with architect Joseph Horatio Anderson, the project to build the new State House. Due to weather delays and the Revolutionary War intervening the building was still uncompleted by the end of 1779; and*
- WHEREAS,** *In 1783, Joseph Clark, an Annapolis architect and builder, took on the task to repair the roof and the dome. Clark's extraordinary dome design was built and completed by the summer of 1788, but the interior completion which ended up being overseen by Annapolis cabinetmaker, John Shaw was not complete until 1797; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Today Maryland has the distinction of having the oldest United States state capitol in continuous use, a defining landmark of the Annapolis skyline for more than two centuries; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The official commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the laying of the first cornerstone of the State House is an opportunity for all Marylanders to reflect on the ideals of Maryland's founders and celebrate the storied history of our state.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim March 28, 2022 as a day to honor the 250th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE LAYING OF THE FIRST CORNERSTONE OF THE STATE HOUSE, and celebrate this historic observance.**

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this 28th day of March  
Two Thousand and twenty-two



*Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.*  
Governor

*Robert H. Lathrop*  
Lt. Governor

*John C. W. W. W.*  
Secretary of State